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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,905,581
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,546,161
- (3) JP 63-147177
- (4) JP 63-280275
- (5) JP 63-43169
- (6) JP 1-261668

Documents 1 and 2 share a common inventor and are commonly assigned with the subject application.

Document 3 was cited in the specification at page 1, document 4 at pages 2 and 3, and documents 5 and 6 at page 2. These documents are believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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